

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An easy-open lid, ~~specifically applicable in lids (1) for a container, which, with comprising:~~

any one of a circular, elliptical or rectangular configuration-shape with rounded vertices, ~~incorporate a cut line (3), parallel and close to their a perimeter of the lid for opening the lid with the collaboration of a punch-tear away ring tab (4) attached to the body (1) of the lid by means of a rivet (5) and which is provided with a punching vertex (6) acting on said the cut line (3), characterized in that said wherein the cut line (3) is provided with a curved breakage segment (8) with a curved path, having a curvature center (9) coinciding with the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4) to the body (1) of the lid, such that said punch the punching vertex (6) is kept in place on the breakage segment (8) after an accidental rotation of said the ring tab (4) throughout during the process of handling the lid (1) itself and the container to which it is associated to.~~

2. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the amplitude of the areuate-curved breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is greater than 1°.

3. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate-curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) ranges between 1° and 80°.

4. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate-curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 20°.

5. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the curved breakage segment (8) on the cut line (3) is symmetrical with regard to ~~the~~an imaginary axis formed by ~~the~~a theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4), coinciding with the mid-point of the breakage segment (8), and the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4).

6. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amplitude of the ~~areuate-curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 10° on each side of the theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4).

7. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to ~~previous claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the ~~areuate-curved~~ breakage segment (10) of the cut line (3), with a curvature center (9) on the rivet (5), is joined to the rest of the cut line (3) by means of double, areuate-curved and counteropposing inflections (11-11') for facilitating the ~~tearing opening of the~~lid along said line.

8. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:

- a body;
- a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;
- a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;
- a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and

wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment comprising a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.

9. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the lid further comprises one of a circular shape, an elliptical shape, and a rectangular shape with rounded vertices.

10. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line.

11. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation is one that comprises inward inflections on both sides of the curved breakage segment.

12. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation comprises a pair of offsetting, curved inflections on either side of the curved breakage segment.

13. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the cut line is parallel to the perimeter of the lid.

14. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the tab is attached to the lid at the attachment location by a rivet.

15. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the contour of the punching vertex matches the contour of the curved breakage segment.

16. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc greater than 1° .

17. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc between 1° and 80° .

18. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is symmetrical with respect to an imaginary axis formed by the mid-point of the breakage segment and the attachment location.

19. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:

a body;

a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;

a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;
a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and
wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line, the variation aligned with the punching vertex of the ring tab.

20. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 19, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.